

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for defeating a window-blocking mechanism, the method to be performed by computer-readable program code and comprising:  
detecting the presence of the window-blocking mechanism in a computer; and  
automatically disabling the window-blocking mechanism in response to the detection of the window-blocking mechanism.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the act of~~ automatically disabling the window-blocking mechanism includes removing the window-blocking mechanism from the computer.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the act of~~ automatically disabling the window-blocking mechanism includes removing a component of the window-blocking mechanism from the computer.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the act of~~ automatically disabling the window-blocking mechanism includes altering a component of the window-blocking mechanism.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the act of~~ automatically disabling the window-blocking mechanism includes closing the window-blocking mechanism.
6. (currently amended) A method for displaying a window in a computer, the method to be performed by computer-readable program code and comprising:  
launching a new window in ~~[[a]]~~ the computer, the computer including a window-blocking mechanism; and  
preventing the window from being blocked by the window-blocking mechanism.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the window is a browser window and ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked is performed while the computer is coupled to the Internet.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes incorporating a non-functional feature on the window.
9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the non-functional feature includes a non-functional attribute.
10. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the non-functional feature includes a non-functional menu bar.
11. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the non-functional feature includes a non-functional tool bar.
12. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the non-functional feature includes a non-functional field.
13. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the non-functional feature includes a non-functional login field.
14. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the non-functional feature includes a non-functional password field.
15. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes repeatedly manipulating a characteristic of the window.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein ~~the act of~~ repeatedly manipulating a characteristic of the window includes repeatedly turning ON a visibility attribute of the window.
17. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein ~~the act of~~ repeatedly manipulating a characteristic of the window includes repeatedly positioning the window in a screen location viewable by a user.
18. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes delaying the launching of the window.
19. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes using a part of a domain name in a URL of the window, wherein the window is not served from a server computer corresponding to the domain name.
20. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes intercepting an event to close the window and then hiding the window from a user's view.
21. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes momentarily changing a status bar of a browser to reflect a URL of the window.
22. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes inputting keystroke combinations into a browser.
23. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes triggering mouse events.

24. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes setting the title bar of the window.
25. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes using a single web server computer having a rotating list of messages to serve the window.
26. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes serving the window from a secure domain.
27. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes altering a list of the window-blocking mechanism.
28. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the act of~~ preventing the window from being blocked includes making the window not responsive to a browser application programming interface (API).
29. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein ~~the act of~~ making the window not responsive to a browser API includes setting an attribute of a browser control embedded in the window.
30. (original) A computer memory comprising:  
computer-readable program code for launching a new window, the new window destined to display content from a remotely located server computer; and  
computer-readable program code for preventing the window from being blocked by a window-blocking computer program.
31. (original) The computer memory of claim 30 wherein the window includes a browser window.

32. (original) The computer memory of claim 30 wherein the window includes a dialog box.
33. (original) The computer memory of claim 30 wherein the window-blocking computer program blocks pop-ups.
34. (currently amended) A method for preventing a message from being blocked by allowing a message to be displayed in a client computer that includes a window-blocking computer program, the method including ~~the act of~~ displaying the message in a main browser window for a period of time in-between navigations.